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INTUMESCENT FIRE SEALING COMPOSITION

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Title:

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Dear Sir

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. A Request for Extension of Time extending the time for responding to the Office Action two (2) months from December 25, 2001, to February 25, 2002, is submitted herewith.

Remarks

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1, 5-7, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC \$102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Saunders (US 3,455,850).

Claims 1 and 5-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Malcolm-Brown (US 4,599,369).